

## League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman School District School Board Date: 8 May 2019  
Observer Reporting: Carol Ndambuki Length of Meeting: 1.5 Hours  
Members Present/Absent: Superintendent, Board Member Tanner  
Others Present (i.e., media, public): Award-Winning Teacher, Principal Lincoln Middle School, Science Teachers

### **Content (What is being discussed):**

#### **Improvement of Education in Whitman County:**

**Improving High School Graduation Rates**—Changing the sequence of science courses so that it aligns with the new science standards called the Next Generation Science Standards. Biology Ninth, Physical Science Tenth, Chemistry Eleventh. To bring this swap about, double the usual number of biology classes will be taught next year since both in-coming ninth graders and tenth graders will need to be taking it.

**Quality Instructional Programing**—Teachers reported on the process of adopting science curricula. They shared the scope and sequence documents created by teachers that are hyper-linked to resources bringing together current literature adoptions that support the learning objectives in science with other online and text resources in science specifically.

**Future Meetings**—The School Board Meeting Schedule draft will be posted for previewing and consideration.

**Public Meetings of interest to League** – *i.e., Were there any public meetings announced that you think League members may be interested in attending and/or becoming involved with that relate to League positions?*

### **Process & Protocol (Observations about participants, conduct, and procedures of the meeting):**

*i.e., Did the members appear to have done their “homework”? Were members courteous to each other and the public? How does the group respond to your presence? Was access to materials for certain agenda items limited or excluded from you? Was background material available to the public?*

The Presentation for the Teacher Award by the person who nominated her, Lincoln Middle School Principal Cameron Grow, was clearly heart-felt and sincere, very moving.

Freshman presentation of FFA member as practice for state competition was very professional and she received positive feedback from the audience and the Board.